

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendment does not constitute new matter and should be promptly entered prior to examination on the merits. An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

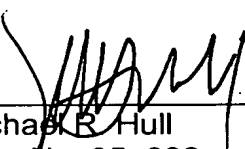
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Respectfully submitted,

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